



PREFACE.

AND

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES OF THE KNIGHTS OF PHYTHIAS.

Recognizing the universality of human brotherhood, its organization is designed to embrace the world within its jurisdiction. Intended solely and only to disseminate the great principles of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, nothing of a sectarian or political character is permitted within its portals. Toleration in religion, obedience to law, and loyalty to government are its cardinal principles. Misfortune, misery and death being written in fearful characters on the broad face of Creation, our noble Order was instituted to uplift the fallen, to champion humanity, to be his guide and hope, his refuge, shelter and defence ; to soften down the asperities of life ; to subdue party spirit, and by the sweet and powerful attraction of the glorious trinity of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, to bind in one harmonious brotherhood men of all classes and opinions. The brightest jewels which it possesses are the tears of widows and orphans, and its imperative commands are to visit the homes where lacerated hearts are bleeding ; to assuage the suffering of a brother, bury the dead, care for the widow, and educate the orphan ; to exercise charity towards offenders ; to construe words and deeds in their least unfavorable light—granting honesty of purpose and good intentions to others and to protect the principles of Knighthood unto death. Its laws are reason and equity ; its cardinal doctrines inspire purity of thought and life ; its intention is "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Man."

ROYAL LODGE, No. 6. K. OF P.

WAS INSTITUTED by D. S. C., W. S. Chambers, assisted by Knights of Far West Lodge No. 1, K. of P., Victoria, B. C., and Knights of Granville Lodge, No. 3, K. of P., Vancouver, B. C., June 4th., 1889.

The following were its

FIRST OFFICERS :

J. Harling.....	P. C.
T. Ackerman.....	C. C.
T. Gifford.....	V. C.
R. Lambert.....	Prelate.
J. L. Chisholm.....	M. of E.
J. B. Kennedy.....	M. of E.
J. E. Knight.....	K. of R. and S.
N. Nelson.....	M. at A.
E. McNair.....	I. G.

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CHARTER MEMBERS :

Jas. B. Kennedy,	Justus E. Knight,
G. Scoullar,	E. McNair,
T. Gifford,	J. L. Chisholm,
J. Harling,	T. Turnbull,
W. McDonald,	A. Leishman,
J. Preston,	D. B. Hall,
F. Case,	R. Lambert,
P. Peebles,	E. W. Ogle,
G. Gray,	T. Ackerman,
J. Andrzejewski,	D. L. Rainey,
J. Reid,	N. Nelson,
J. Houston,	C. Eastman,
O. Ingram,	H. M. Cooper,
S. Stickney,	T. Irwin,
R. Mounce,	T. Crawford,
S. Woods,	R. Lowry.

BY-LAWS OF
ROYAL LODGE No. 6.
KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

SUBORDINATE TO AND WORKING UNDER THE
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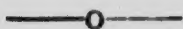
OFFICERS OF THE LODGE AT THE TIME OF ADOPTING THESE BY-LAWS, JUNE 16TH., 1902.

Joseph Jagger.....	P. C. C.
Nels Nelson.....	C. C.
F. M. Eddy... ..	P.
N. McLeod Woods.....	M. of W.
M. W. Mintherne.....	K. of R. and S.
W. E. Fales.....	M. of E.
G. S. Blakely.....	M. of F.
Jos. Henley	M. at A.
Jos. Jagger.....	I. G.
T. Ackerman.....	O. G.

AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

D. A. Cameron,	Louis Witt,
Silas Collins,	Dr. R. E. Walker,
Thos. Gifford,	W. B. Blakeley,
Wm. Huston,	A. P. Grant,
J. B. Kennedy,	C. A. Welsh,
J. O. Anderson,	H. Pollard,
T. Abery,	Thos. B. Tait,
O. Clement,	J. L. Gess,
Logan Davis,	P. Peebles,
Thos. Irwin,	Geo. Adams,
W. H. Leaming,	Hugh Downie,
R. Mounce,	F. W. Grant.
W. N. McDonald,	J. Ross Sharp,
E. McGuire,	John McIssacs,
H. McDonald,	C. W. McLeod,
Richard McBride,	H. A. Younge,
Emil Paul,	R. Elley,
C. Robinson,	C. G. Tait,
A. E. Woods,	Somers Wooster,
A. P. Grant,	Geo. Gray,
A. Swanson,	Mm. Woltz,
	A. L. Stewart.

BY-LAWS.



This Lodge is to be known as "ROYAL LODGE,
No. 6."

PREAMBLE.

Whereas, It is necessary and expedient that this Lodge should avail itself of the power given it to enact a Code of By-laws for its good and harmonious working, be it therefore enacted :

ARTICLE I.

CONVENTIONS AND SPECIAL CONVENTIONS.

SEC. 1. The regular conventions of this Lodge shall be held every Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

SEC. 2. Special conventions may be called by the C. C. or at the written request of five Knights, and said conventions shall be confined to the business for which they are called to consider. In no case shall a special convention be called without notice having been given by the K. of R. and S. at least twenty-four hours previous to such convention, except in cases where sickness or death of a brother is the cause of meeting.

ARTICLE II.**MEMBERSHIP.**

SEC. 1. No application for membership shall be received unless the applicant is a resident of this Province. Every application must be accompanied by a certificate from the Medical Examiner of the Lodge. An applicant by card shall be a resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge for at least 30 days prior to sending in card.

SIGNING CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, AND REGULATING P. O. ADDRESS OF MEMBERS.

SEC. 2. On admission of a candidate to the Knights rank he shall sign the Constitution and By-laws, and record his address, and, in the event of his removal or change, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the K. of R. and S. Any written notice shall be deemed legal and sufficient if sent by mail to the address of members, as recorded, or according to the last notice given of change thereof.

RECONSIDERING A FAVORABLE BALLOT.

SEC. 3. A favorable ballot may be reconsidered at any regular convention prior to the initiation of the candidate, provided two-thirds of the members present agree thereto.

PENALTY FOR FALSE REPRESENTATION ON APPLICATION.

SEC. 4. If any person gains admittance to membership upon a petition containing any false representation he shall be suspended from the Lodge.

ARTICLE III.**FEEES AND DUES.**

SEC. 1. The fees for initiation shall be as follows : For the rank of Page, \$5.00 : for the rank of Esquire,

\$5.00 ; for the rank of Knight, \$5.00 ; for all persons between the ages of 21 and 30 years. For the rank of Page, \$7.50 ; for the rank of Esquire, \$7.50 ; for the rank of Knight, \$5.00 ; for all persons between the ages of 30 and 40 years ; for all persons between the ages of 40 and 50 years, add \$7.50 for rank of Page. All the other ranks same as last clause.

FEES WHEN JOINING BY CARD.

SEC. 2. The fees for membership by card shall be as follows : When the brother is between the ages of 21 and 30 years, \$2.00 ; between the ages of 30 and 40 years, \$3.00 ; between the ages of 40 and 50 years, \$5.00.

MONTHLY DUES AND ARREARS.

SEC. 3. Every member shall pay as dues \$1.00 monthly, commencing when the rank of Knight is attained. A brother in any rank who shall become in arrears for twelve months' dues shall, by a declaration by the chair, stand suspended.

ASSESSMENTS IN CASES OF DEATH OF A MEMBER OR HIS WIFE.

SEC. 4. On the death of a member of the Knight rank in good standing each member shall pay into the general fund of the Lodge \$1.00, and, on the death of a wife of the brother in the Knight rank in good standing, each brother shall pay into the same fund 50 cents. These assessments shall be charged up at the time they are made as dues.

ARTICLE IV.

BENEFITS.

SEC. 1. Every Knight in good standing who is a member of this Lodge shall, in case of sickness or other disability preventing him from attending to or supervising his business, be entitled to draw from the funds of this Lodge the sum of \$1.00 per week ; after

he has been a member for six months he shall be entitled to draw \$10.00 per week for the first six months, \$1.00 for the first week, and \$10.00 for next 26 weeks, and if longer, any sum the Lodge may see fit to vote; and should sickness be of longer duration than six months, the amount to be allowed shall be determined by a two-third vote of the Lodge, to commence from the time such brother is reported to the Lodge as being sick or disabled. Provided, that if such brother is away from the vicinity of the Lodge at the time of becoming sick or disabled, and he shall at once notify the Lodge thereof and obtain a certificate from his attending physician, or attendant, stating the nature of his sickness or disability, he shall be entitled to the above benefits from the date of such certificate.

SEC. 2. A member, though sick and disabled, who is still able to go out and collect bills, debts, settle accounts, make contracts, oversee or superintend his business, and does such things, shall not be entitled to sick benefits.

MEMBERS IN ARREARS CANNOT DRAW BENEFITS.

SEC. 3. No brother who is in arrears for three months, after being duly notified by M. of F., shall be entitled to receive any sick benefits from this Lodge by reason of any payments he may make during his sickness or bodily infirmity.

MODE OF PROCEDURE FOR AN ABSENT MEMBER TO DRAW BENEFITS.

SEC. 4. An absent brother claiming benefits under this Article must send or cause to be sent to this Lodge a true statement of his case, complaint and circumstances, and the cause or origin of his illness or disability, attested by the C. C. and K. of R. and S. of some Lodge near him, with the seal of such Lodge, and given upon his honor as a Knight, or if there be no Lodge near him, the same must be certified by a

duly qualified physician, justice of the peace or other magistrate.

WHEN BENEFITS WILL NOT BE PAID.

SEC. 5. If a brother's sickness or disability proceed from intemperance or immoral conduct, or be occasioned by any constitutional disease or bodily infirmity which existed at the time of his initiation, which he intentionally concealed from the Lodge, he shall not be entitled to receive any benefits.

FUNERAL BENEFITS.

SEC. 6. On the death of a brother entitled to benefits there shall be appropriated from the funds of the Lodge the sum provided by Grand Lodge constitution and an additional sum of \$55.00, if not more than 3 months in arrears, to defray his funeral expenses, and on the death of a brother's wife \$50.00 to defray funeral expenses. After defraying the necessary expenses out of the said sum any surplus remaining shall be paid to the widow or children of the deceased; or if he leaves no widow or child, such surplus, if any, shall be paid into the widows' and orphans' fund of the Lodge.

IN CASES OF SPECIAL RELIEF.

SEC. 7. If a brother of this or any other Lodge of Knights of Pythias, who is in good standing, is in such circumstances as to require special relief, his case shall be referred to the relief committee, which shall consist of the C. C., V. C. and M. of E.

SICK MEMBERS CANNOT BECOME IN ARREARS.

SEC. 8. A member while sick and receiving benefits cannot become in arrears for dues, but the amount of his dues shall be deducted from the amount drawn for his benefit.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS ON LEARNING OF ANOTHER'S SICKNESS.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of every member, on ascertaining that a brother is sick or in distress, to report the same to the Lodge at the next convention thereafter.

REPLENISHING THE LODGE FUNDS.

SEC. 10. Should the funds of the Lodge become exhausted each member shall make such contributions to relieve a sick or distressed brother as shall be determined on by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. No motion or proposition to tax the members of this Lodge or to appropriate the funds thereof to other than charitable purposes, or for the ordinary expenses of the Lodge, shall be decided at the same convention at which it is made, nor shall any such motion be lawful except at a regular convention.

ARTICLE V.

FINES AND PENALTIES.

SEC. 1. Any brother who is in arrears for dues, fines and assessments in a sum equal to five month's dues, shall not be allowed to vote or take part in any discussion, neither shall he be entitled to receive any benefits from date of such delinquency until he is square on the books, and no member who has been suspended for any cause shall receive benefits for three months after reinstatement, except \$1.00 per week provided by the laws of the Grand Lodge.

ELEVEN MONTHS IN ARREARS.

SEC. 2. Any brother who is eleven months in arrears for dues shall be notified thereof by the K. of

R. S., through the postoffice or in person, and if after one month his account still remains unsettled he shall be declared suspended by the chair. He may, however, be reinstated by paying up \$3.00, if within 12 months, and over 12 months \$5.00, and shall be accompanied with doctor's certificate.

CREDITS AND DEBITS OF MEMBERS.

SEC. 3. All credits for moneys received entered to the accounts of the members of this Lodge shall be applied to the debits first charged and remaining unpaid.

PENALTY FOR FAILING TO PERFORM COMMITTEE DUTIES.

SEC. 4. Any member accepting an appointment on a committee who fails to perform his duty shall be reprimanded by the C. C.

PENALTY FOR MEMBERS ON VISITING COMMITTEES.

SEC. 6. Any member on the visiting committee failing to discharge the duties required of him, or appointing a substitute to do the same, shall be fined, for each neglect, any sum the Lodge may see fit.

PENALTY FOR BEING ABSENT FROM FUNERALS.

SEC. 7. Any member neglecting to attend the funeral of a brother, after having been duly notified, shall be fined \$1.00, unless satisfactory excuse be given acceptable to the Lodge.

**PENALTY FOR OFFICERS FOR BEING ABSENT
THREE MEETINGS OR NON-PERFORMANCE
OF DUTY.**

SEC. 8. Any officer, except the the P. C., absenting himself from the Lodge for three successive meetings, or for non-performance of duty, or misconduct, may have his chair declared vacant by a two-thirds vote of the members present after a resolution to that effect shall have been laid over for one meeting and the said officer shall have been notified thereof.

EXCUSES.

SEC. 9. Excuses for any of the above penalties must be rendered in open Lodge. Absence from the city, sickness of self or family, attendance upon any business by order of a court of competent authority, shall be good excuses. Any of the above fines may be remitted by a majority vote of the members present.

FEIGNING SICKNESS OR DISABILITY.

SEC. 10. Any member who shall feign himself sick or disabled fraudulently, to obtain benefits from this Lodge, shall be expelled.

ARTICLE VI.

BALLOTS AND ELECTIONS.

SEC. 1. When ballots are held the ballot box shall be placed upon the altar in full view of the C. C. and V. C. ; the members shall advance singly and deposit their ballots ; the result shall then be inspected by the V. C. and then by the C. C., who shall announce the same to the Lodge.

DUTIES OF K. OF R. AND S., M. OF F. AND M. AT A. IN ELECTIONS.

SEC. 2. At the election of officers the K. of R. and S. shall provide blank ballots, and the M. at A. shall distribute them, and it shall be the duty of the M. of F. to call the roll.

DUTY OF C. C., TELLERS, AND MODE OF COUNTING VOTES FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 3. The C. C. shall appoint two tellers who shall receive the votes cast in the ballot box. Blank ballots shall not be counted, and ballots for any Knight not regularly nominated shall be counted as blanks. The tellers shall canvass the votes and the K. of R. and S. shall declare the result to the C. C., by whom it shall be announced to the Lodge. If on the first ballot no candidate shall receive a majority of all the votes cast, a second ballot shall be held, and if no candidate shall have been elected on the second ballot, a third ballot shall be held on the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes on the second ballot.

FRAUD IN BALLOTING.

SEC. 4. Should it appear that there are ballots folded within each other, such ballots shall be destroyed unless the ballots and votes correspond in number. Should there be more ballots than votes in any case the ballot shall be void and a new one 'd if such excess could affect the result.

ARTICLE VII.

COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. The Finance Committee shall consist of three brothers of the Knight rank ; neither the K. of

R. and S., the M. of F., or M. of E. shall serve on said committee. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to examine all claims against the Lodge and all accounts referred to them and audit the same, and report thereon in writing; and no appropriation exceeding \$100.00 shall be made until the same has been before the Lodge for two regular conventions, and then ordered by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

DUTIES OF HALL COMMITTEE.

SEC. 2. The Hall Committee may consist of three Knights, whose duty it shall be to see that the Lodge room and ante chambers are in perfect order and properly furnished.

DUTIES OF VISITING COMMITTEE.

SEC. 3. The Visiting Committee shall consist of three officers, the C. C., V. C. and M. of E., whose duty it shall be to visit all brothers who may have been reported sick, (if living within the city of New Westminster) and render such assistance as may be required, and continue to visit them at least once a week until health is restored, and report their condition at each regular convention. The C. C. shall, at the time of appointing the committee, designate the day of the week on which each member of the committee shall be on duty.

DUTIES OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES.

SEC. 4. Whenever a committee has been appointed to investigate the character of a candidate for admission, it shall be their duty to examine the Black Book, and ascertain the candidate's age, state of health, profession, residence and general character, and make a faithful report in writing at the next regular convention.

DUTIES OF RELIEF COMMITTEE.

SEC. 5. The Relief Committee shall consist of the C. C., V. C., and M. of E., whose duty it shall be to assist all needy members in good standing of this or any other Lodge, and report the case in full at the next regular convention, when the amount expended for such relief, not exceeding \$10.00, shall be paid by the Lodge.

FINAL REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

SEC. 6. All final reports of committees shall be verbal or in writing, and when in writing signed by a majority of the committee. No committee can be finally discharged until all the debts contracted by it have been paid.

WHEN A NURSE MAY BE EMPLOYED.

SEC. 7. In all necessitous cases a majority of the Sick Committee may employ a suitable nurse to attend a sick brother, whose services shall be paid for out of the funds of the Lodge, and all members of the Lodge shall be excused from duty in such case.

ARTICLE VIII.

FUNERALS

SEC. 1. On the death of any member of this Lodge who is not three months in arrears at the time, the C. C. shall immediately make the necessary preparations for the funeral, and require the K. of R. and S. to call a special convention of the Lodge (notice of which shall be given by posting three notices or by advertisement in a daily paper) unless otherwise requested by the nearest relatives of the deceased.

REGULATING THE ATTENDANCE AT FUNERALS.

SEC. 2. The Brethren shall assemble at the Lodge room at the time appointed, when the roll of members shall be called and all absentees noted. The Brethren shall reassemble on the return when the roll shall be again called and absentees noted. All Brothers must return unless excused by C. C.

ROLL CALL AT FUNERALS, ETC.

SEC. 3. Any brother who shall be present and answer to his name and afterwards leave the Lodge room or the procession without the permission of the C. C., shall be fined as an absentee, and it shall be the duty of every brother knowing the fact to report all such cases to the C. C.

FINES FOR ABSENCE FROM FUNERALS.

SEC. 4. Any brother liable to a fine for absenting himself from, or leaving the funeral of a brother, who does not make a valid excuse to the Lodge, verbally or in writing, within thirty days from the date of the funeral, shall have charged against him, by the M. of F., the fine of \$1.00, provided in these By-laws.

ARTICLE IX.

CONFERRING RANKS.

SEC. 1. The rank of Page may be conferred on the first convention; the rank of Esquire shall be conferred on the second convention; and the rank of Knight may be conferred on the third convention of each month; the fourth convention—and should a fifth convention occur—shall be known as business conventions.

ARTICLE X.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SEC. 1. No absent brother shall be elected or appointed to any position on a committee unless he has signified his willingness to serve, or at least two brothers certify thereto.

ARTICLE XI.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 1. No part of these By-laws shall be repealed or amended unless a proposition in writing be made at least one meeting previous to the time of its being acted upon and adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

SEC. 2. No amendment to these By-laws shall be in force until approved as required by law.

ARTICLE XII.

ACCEPTANCE.

SEC. 1. These By-laws and Rules of Order shall take effect at the time of their adoption by the Lodge and approval as above, and at that time all By-laws and Rules of Order not herein contained shall be repealed.

These By-laws were amended and adopted in open Lodge, June 16th., 1902.

NELS NELSON, C. C.

M. W. MINTHORNE, K. of R. and S.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

AS PER RITUAL.

1. Opening.
2. Roll of officers called.
3. Reading minutes of last stated and intervening conventions.
4. Members sick to be reported.
5. Report of Visiting Committee.
6. Ordering drafts for benefits.
7. Bills presented.
8. Propositions for membership.
9. Reports of Committees of Investigation.
10. Balloting for candidates.
11. Candidates to be admitted.
12. Conferring of Ranks.
13. Report of Trustees.
14. Intermission for payment of dues.
15. Report of Special Committees.
16. Report of Standing Committees.
17. Unfinished business.
18. Communications read.
19. Report of Finance Committee.
20. Application for cards.
21. Excuses of officers absent from last convention will now be heard.
22. New business.
23. Good of the Order.
24. Report of Master & Finance.
25. Closing.

RULES OF ORDER.

DECORUM.

1. The presiding officer having taken the chair, the officers and members shall clothe themselves in the proper insignia and take their respective seats, and at the sound of the gavel at the Chancellor Commander's station, there shall be silence.

2. The business shall be proceeded with as prescribed in the Order of Business, except in the case of official visitation from the Supreme or Grand Lodge officers or commissioned Representative, when all business must be immediately laid aside, until the cause or purpose of the same is made known: Provided, when the Lodge may be actually engaged in conferring a section of any rank upon a candidate, then the work must be brought to a final completion at the earliest possible moment compatible with proper instruction being given.

3. During the reading of the minutes, communications and other papers, and when a member is speaking, silence shall be observed in the Lodge room.

4. Any member who shall misbehave himself in the conventions of the Lodge, disturb the order of harmony thereof, either by moving from his seat or crossing the hall without the permission of the Chancellor Commander, or using abusive, disorderly or profane language, or shall refuse obedience to the presiding officer, shall be admonished of his offence from the chair, and if he offend again he shall be excluded from the room for the evening, and afterward dealt with as the laws prescribe.

5. When a brother has been called to order for the manifestation of temper or improper conduct, he shall not be permitted to speak again at that convention, unless by special permission of the Lodge.

6. During an intermission, opening, initiation, and while a vote is being taken, the doors shall be closed and no one permitted to enter or retire from the Lodge room.

PRESIDING OFFICER.

7. The presiding officer shall preserve order and pronounce the decision of the Lodge upon all subjects; he shall decide questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Lodge by any member, when the question before the Lodge shall be: "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgement of the Lodge?" on which no brother shall speak more than once without special permission of the Lodge, which must be granted or withheld without debate. The question of appeal and all questions which arise while it is pending shall be taken and announced or decided by the C. C.

8. Before putting a question the presiding officer shall ask: "Is the Lodge ready for the question?" If no member rises to speak, he shall rise and put it; and after he has risen to put the question, members shall not be permitted to speak upon it.

9. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the presiding officer shall decide which is entitled to the floor, which decision shall not be questioned.

10. When the presiding officer shall rise to or is addressing the Lodge, or putting a question, all shall be seated, and silence shall be observed in the Lodge room.

11. The prerogatives of the presiding officer cover right of determining where and how much work may be done in the conferring the ranks of the Order at any convention of the Lodge, and this right, when exercised, is imperative, and cannot be questioned in any manner by the Lodge, or a member thereof.

12. In speaking on points of order the C. C. shall have precedence, but he shall not speak on any other subject unless to state facts within his own knowledge, without previously vacating the chair and calling thereto some qualified member.

MEMBERS.

13. A member shall not be permitted to speak or vote, unless clothed in regalia or insignia suitable for his rank and station in the Lodge.

14. Each member speaking shall rise and respectfully address himself to the chair, confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid all personalities, indecorous, boisterous, or sarcastic language.

15. A member shall not be interrupted while speaking, except to call him to order for words spoken, or for the purpose of explanation.

16. If a member, while speaking, be called to order, he shall, at the request of the chair, take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may proceed again.

17. A member shall not speak more than once on the same subject or question, until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without permission of the chair; and every member speaking shall designate the officer or member spoken of by his proper rank or title according to his standing in the Order.

18. Any member can call for a division of the question when the sense will admit of it, but a motion to strike out and insert shall be indivisible, except at the option of the mover. When five members shall call for the yeas and nays they shall be ordered by the C. C. and recorded in the minutes.

19. No member shall vote on any question in which he is directly or indirectly interested.

20. Every member not in arrears shall vote unless excused or disqualified.

21. No member shall be required to serve on a committee if at the time of appointment he is a member of two other committees.

22. The member first named on a committee shall be chairman thereof for the purpose of calling it together and until another has been elected by the committee.

DEBATE.

23. A question shall not be subject to debate until it has been seconded and stated from the chair, and it shall be reduced to writing at the request of any officer or member, in which case it shall not be before the Lodge until it is read from the desk of the K. of R. and S.

24. When a question is before the Lodge no motion shall be in order, except it be to proceed to close, the previous question, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone for a certain time, to divide, to recommit, or to amend, which motions shall severally have precedence in the order herein arranged. The first three shall be decided without debate.

25. On the call of seven members, debate shall cease and a vote be taken on the motion or question under debate.

26. On the call of seven members, a majority of the Lodge may demand the previous question, which shall always be put in this form: "Shall the main question now be put?" and until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and all further debate.

27. When the reading of any paper or other matter is called for and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Lodge, without debate.

28. When a question is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be acted upon during that or the next succeeding stated convention.

29. After any question, except one of indefinite postponement, has been decided, any member who voted in the majority may at the same or next regular convention move for reconsideration thereof, but no discussion of the main question shall be allowed unless reconsidered, but a motion to reconsider cannot be entertained.

30. No resolution shall be offered to the Lodge except in writing and signed by the members offering the same.

31. No part of these Rules of Order shall be repealed or amended, unless a proposition in writing, stating the change, shall be made at one regular convention previous to the time of its being acted upon and adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, but any one of them, or any part thereof, may be suspended for the time being by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

NOTE.—All rules of order not herein contained shall be decided by Cushing's Manual of Parliamentary Rules.